

UNITED STATES INTERNATIONAL TRADE COMMISSION
Washington, DC 20436

**MEMORANDUM ON PROPOSED TARIFF LEGISLATION
of the 108th Congress ¹**

[Date approved: August 27, 2004]²

Bill No. and sponsor: H.R. 4485 (Mr. Brown (SC))

Proponent name, location: Symrise Inc.
300 North Street
Teterboro, NJ 07608

Other bills on product (108th Congress only): None.

Nature of bill: Temporary duty suspension through December 31, 2007.

Retroactive effect: None.

Suggested article description(s) for enactment (including appropriate HTS subheading(s)):

Methyl salicylate (CAS No. 119-36-8) (provided for in subheading 2918.23.20)

Check one: ☐ Same as that in bill as introduced
☒ Different from that in bill as introduced (explain differences in Technical comments section)

Product information, including uses/applications and source(s) of imports:

The synthetic organic chemical, methyl salicylate, is a volatile oil with a characteristic wintergreen odor and taste. It is commonly used as a counterirritant in ointments or liniments for muscle pain and also as a flavoring agent. Symrise uses methyl salicylate as a primary raw material in the production of two specific sunscreen products (in the Symrise Bushy Park, NC facility). Symrise purchases this chemical from import brokers who import it from China.

¹ Industry analyst preparing report: Eric Land (202-205-3349); Tariff Affairs contact: Dave Beck (202-205-2603).

² Access to an electronic copy of this memorandum is available at <http://www.usitc.gov/billrpts.htm> Access to a paper copy is available at the Commission's Law Library (202-205-3287) or at the Commission's Main Library (202-205-2630).

Estimated effect on customs revenue:

HTS subheading: 2918.23.2000					
	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
Col. 1-General rate of duty (AVE) ^{1/}	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%	6.5%
Estimated value <i>dutiable</i> imports	\$3,260,000	\$3,260,000	\$3,260,000	\$3,260,000	\$3,260,000
Customs revenue loss	\$211,900	\$211,900	\$211,900	\$211,900	\$211,900

^{1/} The AVE is the ad valorem equivalent of a specific or compound duty rate expressed as a percent, using the most recent import data available.

Source of estimated dutiable import data: Commission estimates.

Contacts with domestic firms/organizations (including the proponent):

Name of firm/organization	Date contacted	US production of same or competitive product claimed?	Submission attached?	Opposition noted?
		(Yes/No)		
Symrise	7/14/04	No	No	No
Aceto Corporation	7/19/04	No	No	No
Acme-Hardesty Co.	7/19/04	No	No	No
Ashland Distribution Company, Ingredients	7/19/04	No	No	No
Mutchler Chemical Company, Inc.	7/19/04	No	No	No
Polarome International	7/19/04	No	No	No
Quaker City Chemicals	7/19/04	No	No	No
Rit-Chem Co., Inc.	7/19/04	No	No	No
Ruger Chemical Co., Inc.	7/19/04	No	No	No
R.W. Greef	7/19/04	No	No	No
Spectrum Chemical	7/19/04	No	No	No

Technical comments:³

The word “Salicylate” in the proposed article description does not need to be capitalized.

³ The Commission may express an opinion on the HTS classification of a product to facilitate consideration of the bill. However, by law, only the U.S. Customs Service is authorized to issue a binding ruling on this matter. The Commission believes that the U.S. Customs Service should be consulted prior to enactment of the bill.

108TH CONGRESS
2D SESSION

H. R. 4485

To suspend temporarily the duty on Methyl Salicylate.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

JUNE 2, 2004

Mr. BROWN of South Carolina introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Ways and Means

A BILL

To suspend temporarily the duty on Methyl Salicylate.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SUSPENSION OF DUTY ON METHYL SALICY-**
4 **LATE.**

5 (a) IN GENERAL.—Subchapter II of chapter 99 of
6 the Harmonized Tariff Schedule of the United States is
7 amended by inserting in numerical sequence the following:

“	9902.34.35	Methyl Salicylate (CAS No. 119–36–8) (provided for in subheading 2918.23.20)	Free	No change	No change	On or before 12/31/2007	”.
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8 (b) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendment made by
9 subsection (a) applies to articles entered, or withdrawn

- 1 from warehouse for consumption, on or after the 15th day
- 2 after the date of the enactment of this Act.

